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Letter dated 9 March 2018 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith information bulletins from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic for the period 8 and 9 March 2018 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) V. **Nebenzia**

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Annex to the letter dated 9 March 2018 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (8 March 2018)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported 17 incidents of gunfire in the following Governorates: 8 in Damascus, 6 in Ladhiqiyah and 3 in Aleppo.

The Turkish representative office has reported nine incidents of gunfire in the following Governorates: five in Damascus, two in Hama and two in Idlib.

Most of the incidents of mortars and small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters belonging to terrorist groups.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

The Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has not carried out any humanitarian operations over the past 24 hours.

In total, 1,766 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered is 2,478.5 tons.

Safe passage was assured for a United Nations humanitarian convoy to Tall Shihab in Dar'a Governorate. The total weight of cargo delivered was 123 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 76 persons.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 72,750 persons.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours one ceasefire agreement has been signed with Hawayir in Aleppo Governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 2,428.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (9 March 2018)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported 16 incidents of gunfire in the following Governorates: 6 in Damascus, 5 in Ladhiqiyah, 4 in Aleppo and 1 in Dar'a.

The Turkish representative office has reported 11 incidents of gunfire in the following Governorates: 9 in Damascus, 1 in Dar'a and 1 in Hama.

Most of the incidents of mortars and small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters belonging to terrorist groups.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

The Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic carried out a humanitarian operation to Darusha in Damascus Governorate. Food with a total cargo weight of 1.9 tons was delivered to the local population.

In total, 1,767 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered is 2,480.4 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 103 persons.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 72,853 persons.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

No ceasefire agreements have been signed with populated areas over the past 24 hours.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process is unchanged — it is still 2,428.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.